

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I have watched as the news has been dumbed down to the common denominator. Fewer and fewer viewpoints, especially unpopular ones, are being expressed by the media. This will only get worse as more consolidation takes place. A diverse and free press is absolutely essential for a working democracy. If anything, the current rules governing media ownership should be reviewed to make them more stringent in order to promote more diversity in media ownership.